CLAIMS

What we claim is:

1. A handheld radiographic device comprising:

an X-ray detector adapted to provide a digital radiographic frame of a dynamic image of an object under investigation;

a position determination subsystem adapted to provide position data associated with a digital radiographic frame; and

an image processing controller adapted to combine multiple radiographic frames using the position data associated with each of the radiographic frames and to produce a static image.

- 2. The device of claim 1, wherein said controller is further adapted to produce a dynamic image superimposed over a static image.
- 3. The device of claim 1, wherein said position determination subsystem comprises an inertial navigation system.
- 4. The device of claim 1, wherein said position determination subsystem comprises a receiver adapted to receive a signal from a signal-transmitting element.
- 5. The device of claim 4, wherein said signal comprises a radio frequency (RF), infra-red (IR), ultrasonic signal or any combination thereof.

6. The device of claim 1, wherein said position determination subsystem comprises a cursor located on the lower part of said device, wherein said cursor is adapted to output a signal proportional to the relative distance done by said cursor.

- 7. The device of claim 6, wherein the relative distance is measured by mechanical, optical means or a combination thereof.
- 8. The device of claim 6, wherein said cursor is adapted to move on a planar surface.
- 9. The device of claim 6, wherein said planar surface further comprises a stabilizing element adapted to stabilize the object under examination.
- 10. The device of claim 1, wherein said detector comprises an X-ray target, wherein said X-ray target comprises an X-ray sensitive element adapted to provide the dynamic image.
- 11. The device of claim 10, wherein said X-ray sensitive element comprises a scintillation screen.
- 12. The device of claim 1, wherein said detector comprises a high-resolution semiconductor chip, a flat panel, an image intensifier or any combination thereof.
- 13. The device of claim 1, wherein said detector comprises a selenium-based element.

14. The device of claim 12, wherein said high-resolution semiconductor chip comprises a CCD, CMOS or a combination thereof.

- 15. The device of claim 12, wherein said flat panel comprises an amorphous silicon-based photo sensor.
- 16. The device of claim 1, further comprising an X-ray source.
- 17. The device of claim 1, adapted to remote control operation.
- 18. The device of claim 1, further comprising a viewing monitor.
- 19. The device of claim 1, wherein said viewing monitor is an on-board monitor or a remote monitor.
- 20. The device of claim 1, adapted to operate in a non-shielded environment.
- 21. The device of claim 1, further comprising a foot pedal adapted to operate said device at least partially.
- 22. The device of claim 1, further comprising a liquid crystal display (LCD).
- 23. The device of claim 22, wherein said LCD comprises an operation panel.
- 24. The device of claim 1, wherein said device comprises a C-arm shaped element.
- 25. The device of claim 1, further comprising a robotic arm.
- 26. A method for producing a static image from multiple radiographic frames using a handheld radiographic device, the method comprising:

producing a digital radiographic frame of a dynamic image of an object under investigation;

providing position data associated with the digital radiographic frame;

combining multiple radiographic frames using the position data associated with each of the radiographic frames to produce a static image.

- 27. The method of claim 26, further comprising producing a dynamic image superimposed over a static image.
- 28. The method of claim 26, wherein providing position data associated with the digital radiographic frame comprises using an inertial navigation system.
- 29. The method of claim 26, wherein providing position data associated with the digital radiographic frame comprises using a receiver adapted to receive a signal from a signal-transmitting element.
- 30. The method of claim 29, wherein said signal comprises a radio frequency (RF), infra-red (IR), ultrasonic signal or any combination thereof.
- 31. The method of claim 26, wherein providing position data associated with the digital radiographic frame comprises using a cursor located on the lower part of said device, wherein said cursor is adapted to output a signal proportional to the relative distance done by said cursor.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the relative distance is measured by mechanical, optical means or a combination thereof.

- 33. The method of claim 31, wherein said cursor is adapted to move on a planar surface.
- 34. The method of claim 31, wherein said planar surface further comprises a stabilizing element adapted to stabilize the object under examination.
- 35. The method of claim 26, further comprising remotely operating the device.
- 36. The method of claim 26, further comprising operating the device using a robotic arm.